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Marc E. Strohwig, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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DELIVERY USING THRESHOLDS )  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of our knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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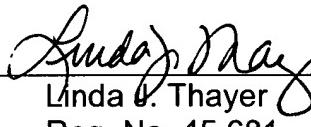
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